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Criminal Investigation Command Issues'All Points Bulletin' for Qualified Soldiers

Premier law enforcement agency seeking qualified Soldiers to become Army CID Special Agents

FORT BELVOIR, Va., March 1, 2005 – The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command (CID) has an ongoing all-points bulletin out for qualified Soldiers who want to become highly trained special agents.

During peacetime and war, CID agents investigate all felony crimes in which the Army has an interest, provide protective services for key Department of Defense and Army leadership, and work closely with other Federal, state and local law enforcement and intelligence agencies to solve crime and combat terrorism.

Agents receive training at the U.S. Army Military Police School and advanced training in a wide range of specialized investigative disciplines. Some specialties include polygraphs, counter-narcotics, economic-crime investigations, computer crime and many other specialties in the criminal investigate field. With more than 200 offices worldwide, CID even has an airborne CID detachment at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Some investigators also have the opportunity to receive advance law enforcement training at the FBI National Academy, the Canadian Police College, and George Washington University where they can earn a master's degree in Forensic Science.

"We continue to look for qualified prospects to join the ranks of CID and receive the necessary training to become one of the DoD's premier law enforcement special agents," said CSM Michael Misianowycz. "It's an outstanding opportunity for Soldiers looking for a career in law enforcement."

CID agents are trained not to form conclusions in advance. They investigate the circumstances and facts surrounding each case to determine what findings the evidence supports in a thorough and professional manner with sensitivity toward the needs of victims and witnesses.

"Investigative procedures, resources and training constantly undergo evaluation to ensure high quality and professional casework from CID special agents," said MSG Cynthia Fischer, deputy chief of staff for support, SGM. "Although many CID agents already have some type of military or civilian police background, it is not a requirement to qualify and be accepted into the Special Agent training program."

According to Marianne Godin, chief of CID's Accreditation Division, CID offers a local sixmonth internship program for Soldiers who lack the law-enforcement experience. Major installations such as Forts Bragg, Benning, Hood, and Lewis each offer rewarding CID intern opportunities for dynamic Soldiers.

"Enrollment in the initial internship programs will help develop the recruit's potential to complete the rigorous 15-week Apprentice Special Agent Course at the U.S. Army Military Police School," Godin said. "After these classroom studies, Soldiers spend the first year as probationary agents before becoming fully accredited."

Godin said that civilian special agents are classified as criminal investigators under Office of Personnel Management guidelines and applicants must meet specific criteria as established by the Office of Personnel Management in the Handbook for General Schedule Positions.

"The CID Special Agent profession is also an excellent opportunity for enlisted Soldiers who aspire to become warrant officers," Godin said. "Currently, the 311A career field provides among the Army's best opportunities for diverse assignments and rapid advancement."

For a Soldier to apply and qualify as a CID Special Agent, applicants must be a U.S. citizen, at least 21 years old, an E-5 or below with at least two years of service and not more than 10, a general technical score of at least 110, no court martial convictions, possess 60 semester hours of college credit, a physical profile of 111221 or higher with normal color vision, 36 months obligated service upon completion of the Apprentice Special Agent Course, and be able to obtain and maintain a Top Secret clearance. CID is currently accepting applications for Soldiers at the E-6 level who are fully qualified and serving in the Military Occupational Skill 31B or 31E.

"All applicants should possess excellent communication skills and be able to interact effectively with people from varied backgrounds, regardless of background," Godin said.

Soldiers interested in becoming CID Special Agents are encouraged to contact their closest CID office or visit CID's website for more information at www.cid.army.mil.